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# Press Release

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## **3 DEAD, 1 MISSING, 1 IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER BOAT CAPSIZES**

**WOODS HOLE, Mass.** – Three people are dead, one person is injured, one person remains missing and another person has been treated and released from the hospital after a boat capsized in Mount Hope Bay this morning with 6 people aboard.

Dead are: Edwina Duarte, James Duarte and Richard Doehler. Listed in critical condition is Allen Duarte at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts. Kelleigh Ouelette remains missing and 14-year old Christopher Duarte has been treated and released from Charlton Memorial Hospital.

The search began at 1 a.m. this morning when Coast Guard Group Woods Hole, Massachusetts received a 911 emergency response call to a 17-foot boat capsized in the Mount Hope Bay. Christopher Duarte, one of the six passengers aboard the vessel, swam ashore and called 911.

Coast Guard rescue crews, including an auxiliary boat and aircraft continue to search for Ouelette.

Participating rescue agencies include: Bristol Fire Department, Bristol Harbor Master, Fall River Harbor Master, Portsmouth Fire Department, Portsmouth Harbor Master, Portsmouth Police Department, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Tiverton Fire Department, Tiverton Police Department, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Coast Guard Station Castle Hill, Coast Guard Group Woods Hole and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

The Coast Guard continues to stress the importance of wearing a life jacket, preparing for cold-water immersion and filing a float plan with a relative or friend.

The cause of the incident is under investigation.

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